

BEFORE THE  
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD  
**AB-303 (SUB-NO. 36X)**  
WISCONSIN CENTRAL LTD. --  
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FOR ABANDONMENT--  
IN BROWN COUNTY, WISCONSIN

**WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
MOTION TO EXTEND TIME TO  
NEGOTIATE A NOTICE OF INTERIM TRAIL USE**

**BACKGROUND**

On Service Date November 10, 2010, the Surface Transportation Board (the Board) served notice that Wisconsin Central, Ltd. (WCL) filed with the Board a verified notice of exemption pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 10502 and the Board's regulations at 49 C.F.R. § 1152 subpart F to abandon a 1.92-mile railroad line starting at milepost 3.88, in the Village of Howard, WI, and ending at milepost 5.8, on the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin Reservation in Brown County, WI. This portion of the line traverses United State Postal Service Zip Code 54307.

On November 9, 2010, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WisDNR) signed a Statement of Willingness to Accept Financial Responsibility pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29. This statement is for the segment of WCL railroad from milepost 3.88 to milepost 4.8, a total of approximately 0.92 miles. This statement of willingness does not include any portion of the line segment that is on the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin Reservation in Brown County, WI.

The Board issued a NITU under 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29, which was served on December 9, 2010, allowing WisDNR 180 days until June 7, 2011, to negotiate a rail banking agreement with WCL.

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WisDNR entered into negotiations with WCL, and believe that negotiations will be successful and produce an agreement for interim trail use. At this time, negotiations have not concluded.

### **MOTION**

Therefore, WisDNR moves that the period prescribed to negotiate an interim trail use/rail banking agreement be extended for 180 days for the rail corridor between milepost 3.88 to milepost 4.08, a total of approximately 0.92 miles in Brown County, Wisconsin.

Respectfully submitted,



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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I have caused the foregoing Request for NITU extension in regards to AB303 36X, by electronic mail, or regular mail pursuant to 49 C.F.R. §1104.12, this 3rd day of May, 2011, on all parties of record on the service list.

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